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Fitch downgrades US credit rating

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fitch Ratings has downgraded the United States government's credit rating, citing rising debt at the federal, state, and local levels and a "steady deterioration in standards of governance" over the past two decades.

The rating was cut Tuesday one notch to AA+ from AAA, the highest possible rating. The new rating is still well into investment grade.

The decision illustrates one way that growing political polarization and repeated Washington standoffs over spending and taxes could end up costing U.S. taxpayers. A lower credit rating, over time, could raise borrowing costs for the U.S. government.

It's only the second time in the nation's history that its credit rating has been cut. In 2011, the ratings agency Standard & Poor's stripped the U.S. of its prize AAA rating after a prolonged fight over the government's borrowing limit. The Government Accountability Office, in a 2012 report, estimated that the 2011 budget standoff raised Treasury's borrowing costs by \$1.3 billion that year.

At the same time, the huge size of the U.S. economy and historic

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Quorum Committees announce closing on Old Federal Building

Five ordinances to go before the full court

By JAY COOPER
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On Tuesday, Aug. 1, the Boone County Quorum Court Budget and Finance Committee voted to move four budget appropriations to

the full quorum court on Aug. 8, as well as an ordinance from the Personnel Committee allowing purchases from a company in which a county employee has an interest. The JPs discussed a status update on new first responder radios and the recent sale of the Old Federal Building

in downtown Harrison. On the same day of the meeting, the county officially closed on the property known as the Old Federal Building which has been owned by the county for the past 40 years (originally built in 1903). The Boone County Judge's office posted information on social media,

informing that more information is likely to come soon, once the new owners (Tom and Kelly Davenport) are prepared to share details regarding plans for the historic building.

The Budget and Finance Committee, chaired by Glenn Redding, presented

four appropriation ordinances. Ordinance number one allocates funds from the County General Fund and County Roads Fund. The amount of \$88.85 is allocated to the County Road Department for supplies like fuel, oil and lubricants, and

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Copeland receives 2023 JACK WILLIAMS AWARD FOR NARMC EMS



Charles "Chuck" Copeland, with NARMC EMS, is one of the recipients of the Jack Williams Awards for First Responders. Copeland is the Communications Chief for NARMC EMS, and has worked for NARMC for 29 years. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Staff Report
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Charles "Chuck" Copeland, known as Chuck, was honored with the esteemed 2023 Jack Williams Award for First Responders representing NARMC EMS in recognition of his remarkable contributions.

Presently, Chuck holds the vital role of Communications Chief for NARMC EMS, where he oversees the EMS dispatch center and the entire communication system of the organization. His exceptional ability to build and foster relationships has made him an invaluable liaison between EMS and other public service agencies, ensuring seamless and effortless communication between them. With an impressive 29-year tenure at NARMC, Chuck's diverse ex-

perience includes 12 years as an Advanced EMT on the ambulance, 15 years as a Dispatch Supervisor, and two years as the Communications Chief.

Chuck has been a lifelong resident of the Ozarks, finding great joy in spending time with his wife, Rhonda, three children, and several grandchildren. Over the span of 45 years, Chuck's impact on the communities of Boone, Newton, Searcy and Marion counties has been profound, as he has served in various capacities. For 43 years, he has been a dedicated rural volunteer firefighter, holding every possible position, including an impressive 20-year tenure as the Fire Chief for Pyatt Rural Fire Department. Moreover, Chuck spent 27 years

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NARMC Board of Governors gets good report

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The North Arkansas Regional Medical Center's Board of Governors met for their quarterly meeting at noon, Tuesday, Aug. 1, and received a good report on the hospital's fiscal and developmental health. It also received assuring news that the long awaited day for the opening of the hospital's Medical Plaza facility on US 65 north is expected to arrive in September.

The Board of Governors' duty is to fulfill the annual requirements with Boone County to review the 13-point lease agreement for the property on which the hospital is built. The

hospital was set up as a private 501(c)(3) in the 1990s, but has worked with the county through this lease on the property. Members are Brian Cash, Rick Massengale, Tammi McCutchen, Justin Jones, Bill Nay and chair Laretta Moore.

The financial picture of the hospital continues to improve following the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 and 2021. The hospital's fiscal year begins in April. The financial reports for the previous month and year to date indicate that admissions have been relatively flat and inpatient services have slightly declined. Utilization of outpatient and clinic services are

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SURFACE CLEANING



Harrison Parks and Recreation workers use a power washer to clean the surface of the Cannon's Cove Splash Pad located near the Wonder Willa Park on the edge of Lake Harrison. The need for the cleansing was the surface in certain areas was getting a little slick. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO/LEE H. DUNLAP

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Incoming Razorback Shawnti Jackson receives national honor from USA Today

By UA Communications
FAYETTEVILLE — Shawnti Jackson, an Arkansas incoming freshman, received a national award this past weekend as she was named the 2022-23 USA Today HSSA Girls Track and Field Athlete of Year.
An official announcement was made during the USA Today High School Sports Awards show streamed on Sunday. Jackson claimed the honor from a team of 25 nominees picked from all 50 states and District of Columbia for the award.

The USA Today High School Sports Awards is the largest high school athletic recognition program in the country with 14 regional award shows and one national awards program.

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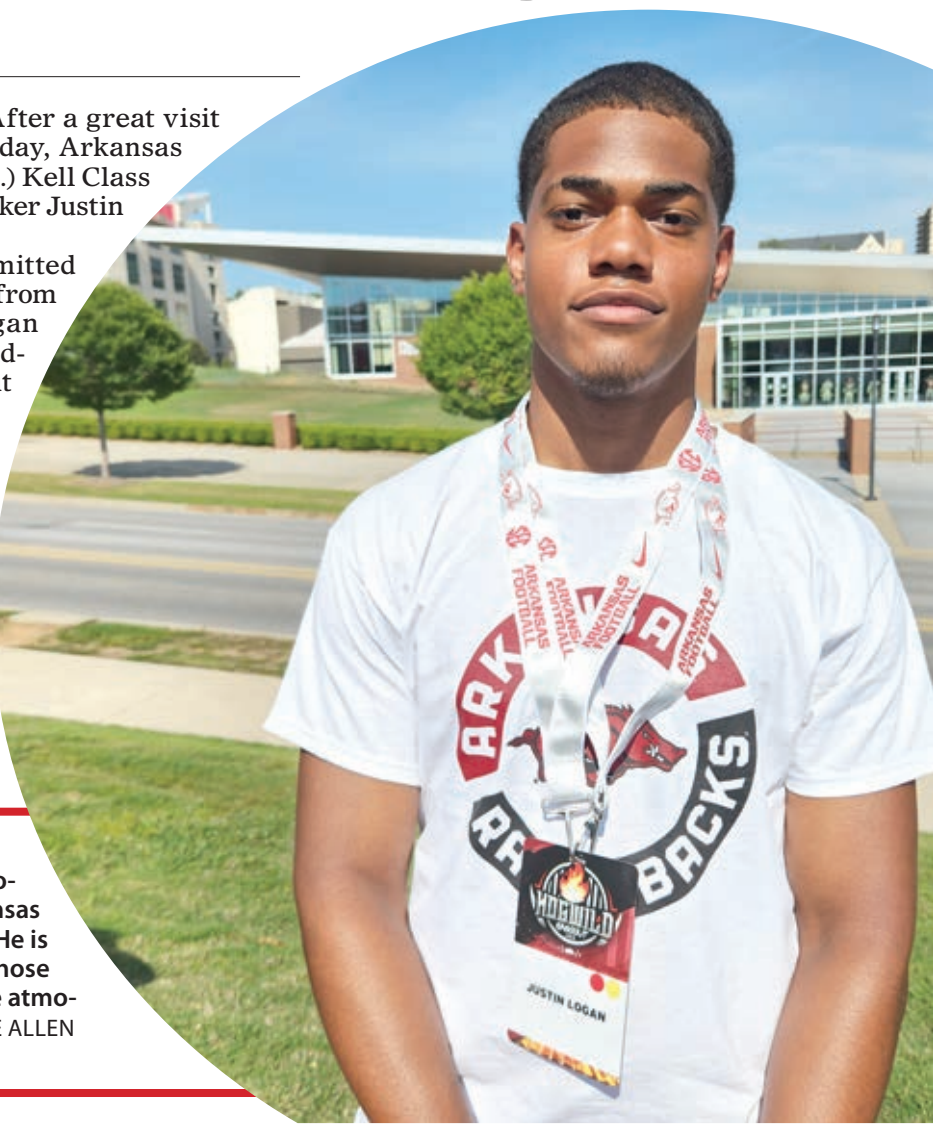
Razorbacks land four-star recruit from Georgia

By OTIS KIRK
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FAYETTEVILLE — After a great visit to Fayetteville on Saturday, Arkansas has landed Marietta (Ga.) Kell Class of 2024 four-star linebacker Justin Logan.
Logan, 6-3, 215, committed to Arkansas over offers from 28 other schools. Logan committed while attending the Hogwild Hangout on Saturday. Logan talked about why he chose the Hogs.
“I chose Arkansas because of the atmosphere,” Logan said. “It’s in the best the SEC. The coaching staff is just like family. They showed love to every player that

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Marietta (Ga.) Kell High School product Justin Logan committed to Arkansas after his weekend visit. He is a four-star recruit that chose Arkansas because of the atmosphere. OTIS KIRK/NATE ALLEN SPORTS SERVICES



Arkansas 2024 Football Recruits

- Braylen Russell, RB, 6-2, 230, Benton
- Jadan Baugh, RB-ATH, 6-1, 217, Decatur Columbia, Ga.
- Courtney Crutchfield, WR, 6-2, 175, Pine Bluff
- CJ Brown, WR, 6-1, 185, Bentonville
- Ashton Bethel-Roman, WR, 6-1, 170, Missouri City Ridge Point, Texas
- Kobe Branham, OL, 6-6, 320, Fort Smith Southside
- Zuri Madison, OL, 6-5, 315, Lexington Frederick Douglass, Ky.
- Kavion Henderson, DE, 6-5, 250, Leeds, Ala.
- Charlie Collins, DE, 6-5, 265, Mills
- Justin Logan, LB, 6-3, 215, Marietta Kell, Ga.
- Julius Pope, LB-ATH, 6-0, 195, Batesville South Panola, Miss.
- Jeremy Cook, S, 6-3, 195, Hoover, Ala.
- Selman Bridges, CB, 6-4, 170, Temple Lake Belton, Texas
- Ahkhari Johnson, CB, 5-11, 175, Texarkana Pleasant Grove, Texas
- Tevis Metcalf, CB, 5-10, 175, Pinson Clay-Chalkville, Ala.
- Jaden Allen, CB, 6-0, 160, Aledo, Texas

FOOTBALL PRACTICE



The Berryville Bobcats are working hard to improve in a crowded 4A-1 schedule. The team opens the season on Sept. 1. JEFF BRASEL/STATE



Musselman likes mixture of future team



Arkansas head basketball coach Eric Musselman spoke about his upcoming team. He stated that he liked the blend of players that is on the roster. CRAVEN WHITLOW/NATE ALLEN SPORTS SERVICES

By OTIS KIRK
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FAYETTEVILLE — Arkansas coach Eric Musselman has a good mixture of returning players and new ones which includes transfers as well as a pair of freshmen.
Having such players as Davonte “Devo” Davis, Trevon Brazile, Joseph Pinion, Jalen Graham and Makhi Mitchell has helped during the summer workouts according to Musselman.
“I think every year’s different,” Musselman said. “It’s really helped to have the returners back, meaning Devo and Jalen Graham and Cade (Arbogast) and Lawson (Blake) and Joseph, it’s helped. We have a little bit more returners than we’ve had. Then obviously with the experience that we have with guys like El Ellis, (Jereemiah) Davenport... Brazile’s helped a lot on the side. He still hasn’t jumped in with us full-go. But having returners along with veterans who have played a lot of college basketball games, T-Mark comes from a great program at Houston.
“So you get a guy like T-Mark, who’s played for such a great coach in Kelvin Sampson, he understands how to work hard, he understands expectations. It’s different with experience. You can do things a little bit differently and then we have more returners than we

did in the past, as well. So we’ve been able to accelerate some of our schemes. But there’s no comparison ever of teams other than the fact that what can this group execute and then move on to the next step or maybe a different phase. We’ve got in a lot more right now than we have in the past four years and I think it’s a combination of a whole bunch of things.”
T-Mark is Tramon Mark who is a 6-foot-6 junior from the University of Houston. Musselman likes how coaching this team has gone for him and the assistants.
“When I come home at night, I tell Danielle all the time there’s not as much coaching frustration,” Musselman said. “In reality, we’ve had one bad practice the whole summer and then we’ve had a couple that we’d like the energy a little bit better, but I would say for the most part... And again, we’re doing execution, we’re doing teaching, we’re doing 5-on-0 skelton, dry-run type stuff. In no way, shape or form have we even come close to a rotation. Roles are being formulated in the coaching staff and probably in the players’ minds.
“I’m sure that the players are forming opinions of teammates and forming maybe who they trust or formulating who could be a go-to guy, and I use that term very loosely, like who

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MUSEUM MUSINGS

Boone County Hospital sets medical record

By DAVID HOLSTED

On Oct. 19, 1960, Maggie Porter suffered a stroke from cerebral hemorrhage. The 86-year-old Boone County woman never regained consciousness, but thanks to a feeding tube, she was kept alive for three years, six months and three days.

According to a story in the Boone County Headlight of April 20, 1964, the Boone County Hospital claimed that

was a record for keeping a patient alive by tube.

“It was an unusual case,” Porter’s attending physician said, “and I believe quite a record for the length of time for tube feeding.”

Porter, who was paralyzed from the neck down as a result of the stroke, was given a balanced liquid diet and medication via tube feeding at the hospital.

Porter was the subject of an article titled “Prolonged Tube Feed-

ing” in the January 1964, issue of Medical Times.

Noting that Porter had been fed by artificial nutrition by tube for two and a half years, the Medical Times said, “Reference to current literature has failed to reveal any other case in which tube feeding sustained life for such a long period.”

The Headlight story went on to say that, during her unconsciousness, Porter had numerous illnesses, but



responded to antibiotics.

Porter had regular nursing care, the Headlight said, supplemented by that of her daughter, Helen, who was a teacher in the Alpena schools.

Maggie Porter was born on April 5, 1881, in

Alhambra, Illinois. She resided in Boone County for 22 years. Her husband, J.L. Porter, died in February 1960.

This article is part of a series about Boone County history and provided by the Boone County Heritage Museum. The museum is

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Trump indicted for efforts to overturn 2020 election and block transfer of power

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump was indicted on felony charges Tuesday for working to overturn the results of the 2020 election in the run-up to the violent riot by his supporters at the U.S. Capitol, with the Justice Department acting to hold him accountable for an unprecedented effort to block the peaceful transfer of presidential power and threaten American democracy.

The four-count indictment, the third criminal case against Trump, provided deeper insight into a dark moment that has already been the subject of exhaustive federal investigations and captivating public hearings. It chronicles a months-long campaign of lies about the election results and says that, even when those falsehoods resulted in a chaotic insurrection at the Capitol, Trump sought to exploit the violence by pointing to it as a reason to further delay the counting of votes that sealed his defeat.

Even in a year of rapid-succession legal reckonings for Trump, Tuesday’s indictment, with charges including conspiring to defraud the United States government that he once led, was stunning in its allegations that a former president assaulted the “bedrock function” of democracy. It’s the first time the defeated president, who is the early front-runner for next year’s Republican presidential nomination, is facing legal consequences for his frantic but ultimately failed effort to cling to power.

“The attack on our nation’s Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, was an unprecedented assault on the seat of American democracy,” said Justice Department special counsel Jack Smith, whose office has spent months investigating Trump. “It was fueled by lies, lies by the defendant targeted at obstructing a bedrock function of the U.S. government: the nation’s



process of collecting, counting and certifying the results of the presidential election.”

The Trump campaign called the charges “fake” and asked why it took two-and-a-half years to bring them.

Trump was the only person charged in Tuesday’s indictment. But prosecutors obliquely referenced a half-dozen co-conspirators, including lawyers inside and outside of government who they said had worked with Trump to undo the election results. They also advanced legally dubious schemes to enlist slates of fake electors in battleground states won by Democrat Joe Biden to falsely claim that Trump had actually won them.

The indictment accuses the defeated president and his allies of trying to “exploit the violence and chaos” by calling lawmakers into the evening on Jan. 6 to delay the certification of Biden’s victory.

It also cites handwritten notes from former Vice President Mike Pence that give gravitas to Trump’s relentless goading to reject the electoral votes. Pence, who is challenging Trump for the GOP presidential nomination, declined overtures from a House panel that investigated the insurrection and sought to avoid testifying before the special counsel. He

appeared only after losing a court fight, with prosecutors learning that Trump in one conversation derided him as “too honest” to stop the certification.

Trump is due in court Thursday, the first step in a legal process that will play out in a courthouse situated between the White House he once controlled and the Capitol his supporters once stormed. The case is already being dismissed by the former president and his supporters — and even some of his rivals — as just another politically motivated prosecution.

Yet the case stems from one of the most serious threats to American democracy in modern history.

The indictment centers on the turbulent two months after the November 2020 election in which Trump refused to accept his loss and spread lies that victory was stolen from him. The turmoil resulted in the riot at the Capitol, when Trump loyalists violently broke into the building, attacked police officers and disrupted the congressional counting of electoral votes.

In between the election and the riot, Trump urged local election officials to undo voting results in their states, pressured Pence to halt the certification of electoral votes and falsely claimed that the

election had been stolen — a notion repeatedly rejected by judges. Among those lies, prosecutors say, were claims that more than 10,000 dead voters had voted in Georgia along with tens of thousands of double votes in Nevada. Each claim had been rebutted by courts or state or federal officials, the indictment says.

Prosecutors say Trump knew his claims of having won the election were false but he “repeated and widely disseminated them anyway — to make his knowingly false claims appear legitimate, to create an intense national atmosphere of mistrust and anger, and to erode public faith in the administration of the election.”

The document carefully outlined arguments that Trump has been making to defend his conduct, that he had every right to challenge the results, to use the courts, even to lie about it in the process. But in stark detail, the indictment outlines how the former president instead took criminal steps to reverse the clear verdict voters had rendered.

The indictment had been expected since Trump said in mid-July that the Justice Department had informed him he was a target of its investigation. A bipartisan House committee

that spent months investigating the run-up to the Capitol riot also recommended prosecuting Trump on charges, including aiding an insurrection and obstructing an official proceeding.

The indictment includes charges of conspiring to defraud the U.S., conspiring to obstruct an official proceeding, obstructing an official proceeding and violating a post-Civil War Reconstruction Era civil rights statute that makes it a crime to conspire to violate rights that are guaranteed by the Constitution — in this case, the right to vote.

The mounting criminal cases are unfolding in the heat of the 2024 race. A conviction in this case, or any other, would not prevent Trump from pursuing the White House or serving as president, though Trump as president could theoretically appoint an attorney general to dismiss the charges or potentially try to pardon himself.

In New York, state prosecutors have charged Trump with falsifying business records about a hush money payoff to a porn actor before the 2016 election. The trial is set to begin in March.

In Florida, the Justice Department has brought more than three dozen felony counts, accusing him of illegally possessing

classified documents after leaving the White House and concealing them from investigators. That trial begins in May.

Prosecutors in Georgia are also investigating efforts by Trump and his allies to reverse his election loss to Biden there. The district attorney of Fulton County is expected to announce charging decisions within weeks.

Smith’s team has cast a broad net as part of his federal investigation, with his team questioning senior Trump administration officials, including Pence, before a grand jury in Washington. Prosecutors also interviewed election officials in Georgia, Wisconsin, Michigan and other battleground states won by Biden who were pressured by the Trump team to change voting results.

Rudy Giuliani, a Trump lawyer who pursued post-election legal challenges, spoke voluntarily to prosecutors. Giuliani was not named in the indictment, but appears to match the description of one of the co-conspirators. A spokesman for Giuliani said Tuesday night that Trump had a “good-faith basis” for the actions he took.

Attorney General Merrick Garland last year appointed Smith, an international war crimes prosecutor who also led the Justice Department’s public corruption section, as special counsel to investigate efforts to undo the election as well as Trump’s retention of classified documents at his Florida home, Mar-a-Lago. Although Trump has derided him as “deranged” and called him politically motivated, Smith’s past experience includes overseeing significant prosecutions against high-profile Democrats.

The Justice Department’s investigations began well before Smith’s appointment, proceeding alongside separate criminal probes into the rioters themselves. More than 1,000 people have been charged in connection with the insurrection, including some with seditious conspiracy.

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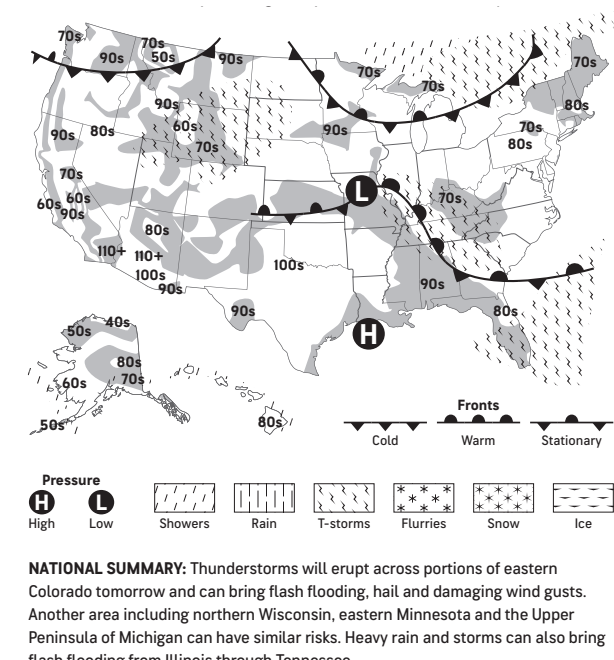
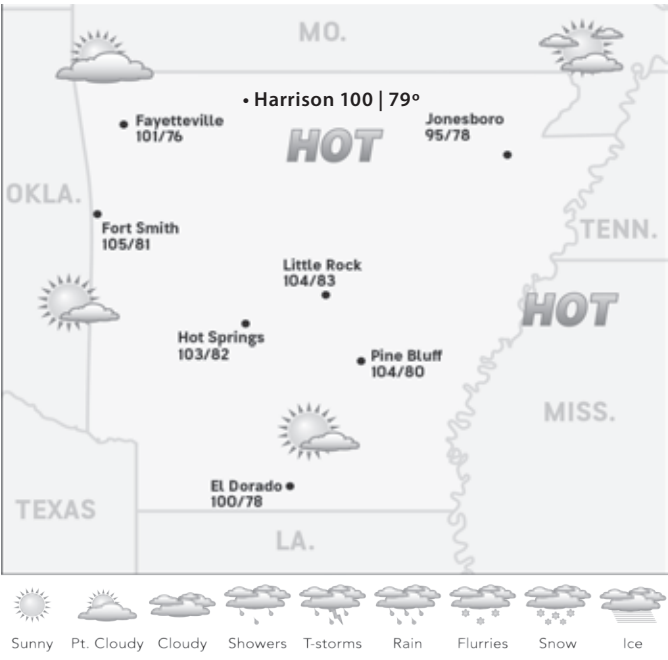
LOCAL WEATHER

Today's forecast

Tonight: A few clouds. Low near 80F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Tomorrow: Intervals of clouds and sunshine. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 96F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Tomorrow night: Partly cloudy skies. Low around 75F. Winds light and variable.



Extended forecast

Saturday: Mostly sunny skies during the morning hours. Scattered showers and thunderstorms developing in the afternoon. High 94F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Saturday night: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Low 73F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%.

Sunday: Scattered thunderstorms. High 89F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy. Low 69F. Winds WNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Monday: Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 83F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph.

Monday night: Partly cloudy in the evening. Increasing clouds with periods of showers after midnight. Low 64F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 50%.

Almanac

Aug 8

Aug 16

Aug 24

Aug 30

Sunrise 6:21 a.m.

Sunset 8:17 p.m.

Moonrise 10:00 p.m.

Moonset 8:24 a.m.

Statewide

City	High	Low	Precip
El Dorado	100	79	0.00
Fayetteville	101	79	0.00
Fort Smith	104	81	0.00
Harrison	100	79	0.00
Hot Springs	102	81	0.00
Jonesboro	100	79	0.00
Little Rock	103	82	0.00
Mountain Home	102	77	0.00
Pine Bluff	103	82	0.00
Russellville	103	78	0.00

Today's Records

Record High	107°F
Record Low	52°F
One year ago	High 97°, Low 73°
Ten years ago	High 84°, Low 66°
Precip. year to date	29.02 inches

Lake and River Levels

Buffalo River	Flood Level	7 a.m. 24-hour change
Boxley	—	1.50 — 0.20
Ponca	—	1.60 — 0.30
Pruitt	—	3.20 — 0.20
Hasty	—	5.40 — 0.40
St. Joe	—	3.20 — 0.50
Hwy 14	—	2.70 — 0.40
Lakes	Current level	24-hour change
Beaver Lake	1,118.11	+ 0.16
Table Rock Lake	913.59	— 0.31
Bull Shoals Lake	658.81	— 0.09
Norfolk	556.64	— 0.12

DR. MICHAEL ROIZEN

Preeclampsia blood test offers pregnant women protection

By MICHAEL ROIZEN, M.D.

Beyond developed preeclampsia while carrying her twins — so did Mariah Carey with her twosome. They got great medical care, and fortunately, both moms and kids are healthy.

Preeclampsia, affecting about one out of every 25 pregnancies in the U.S., causes severe high blood pressure after 20 weeks of pregnancy. It can lead to decreased uterine blood flow to the fetus, fetal growth restriction, placental abruption, and preterm delivery, and organ damage, heart disease and stroke in the mother. And health challenges can continue for mom and for child after delivery. Preeclampsia accounts for 17% of maternal deaths and 15% of premature births in America.

Within a day or two, a pregnant woman can go from feeling fine to having organ failure. That's why many women — and their doctors — don't discover the condition until it's full-blown.

A newly Food and Drug Administration-approved blood test may be a game changer. It alerts doctors to the fact that pregnant women with symptoms suggestive of the condition, such as headache, shortness of breath, blurred vision and nausea, are likely to develop the

life-threatening condition within the next two weeks. Then steps can be taken to lower blood pressure and protect the fetus.

So, if you are pregnant or have previously had preeclampsia, talk to your doctor about what you can do to reduce your risks for the condition. And remember, optimal healthiness before you become pregnant — plenty of physical activity, a nutritious diet, and prenatal supplements, including a multivitamin and DHA for 6 months prior to conception — fosters a healthy delivery.

Don't let lack of sleep sabotage the benefits of physical activity

A study in Human Kinetics Journal found that only 3% of elite athletes say they get enough sleep and 71% of athletes fall short by an hour or more. I suspect that some of you who are age 50 and older and regularly get exercise are also sleep-cheated or downright deprived. After all, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that 70 million Americans have chronic sleep problems.

That can seriously undercut the benefits you get from being physically active. A study in The Lancet Healthy Longevity tracked cognitive function in almost 9,000 people age 50 and older for 10 years.

The researchers found that folks who were more physically active in their 50s and 60s but got six or fewer hours of sleep a night had faster cognitive decline than peers who were active and got enough sleep. And the short-sleepers ended up with no better brain function than study participants who were inactive but got enough sleep.

To improve your sleep, you want to manage your stress response using meditation, physical activity and, if needed, talk therapy. You also want to reduce inflammation by ditching added sugars, red and processed meats and highly processed foods. Also, talk to your doc about taking nighttime magnesium, aspirin with half a glass of warm water before and after, and colchicine. Then, when you exercise, you'll receive the cardiovascular, cognitive, metabolic, and immune system benefits that come from physical activity.

And to make sure your sleep stays restful, explore LongevityPlaybook.com's program for a younger, healthier you: diet, stress management, exercise, brain health and sleep.

Michael Roizen, M.D., is chief wellness officer emeritus at the Cleveland Clinic. Email your health and wellness questions to Dr. Mike at questions@longevityplaybook.com

DEAR ANNIE

Dear Annie:

I'm a father in his 40s who has been single-parenting two kids (one preteen, one teen) for a bit under a decade now. When I began dating again, I didn't realize how difficult it would be to navigate a long-term relationship when you already have young children from a prior one.

Eventually, I met a lovely single lady who doesn't have kids. We've been dating for more than five years now, and she seems to love me deeply but finds my children intolerable. They were deeply traumatized by the events leading up to my becoming a single dad, and we've all done a lot of therapy. As a result, me and my girlfriend live separately but talk about living together (and perhaps marrying) someday, once I'm an empty nester. In the meantime, she avoids them, frequently going weeks without seeing them, which limits how much I can see her.

I love my children and her very much, and I find it hard that she is unwilling or unable to find it within her to be more present with them, even if she doesn't always enjoy it. And I fear that if they don't move out after graduating school, she will lose patience with waiting for me to be free, without attached children. I've noticed that stepparent relationships seem to be fraught, even under the best of circumstances. Am I ignoring warning signs, or is this just to be expected for a single dad with traumatized kids?

- Unsure

Dear Unsure:

The perfect woman for you will be one who welcomes your children with open arms, loves them for who they are and embraces them as her own. The fact that she is unwilling to even associate with your children is inevitably putting a strain on your relationship. Worse, it is probably damaging your relationship with your children.

Tell your girlfriend that your children are the priority in your life, especially during their impressionable years. If she is unwilling to be involved in their lives,



DEAR ANNIE
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then it's time to part ways.

Dear Annie:

I am a woman in my early 50s dating a man my age. I am regarded as an attractive lady with a pretty face and a medium-curvy figure. I am tall and wear a size 12. I keep busy with gardening and walking my dog. I have never been a "gym rat," but I am fairly fit. I keep up with friends when we hike.

All this intro is necessary because I am surprised to have my current problem. Although my beau is very complimentary about my looks and figure, he is rail-thin and makes constant remarks about working out. He golfs weekly, hits the gym and is part of a running group. He brags about wearing the same jeans he wore in college! If I mention having a poor night's sleep or a bit of constipation, he claims to rarely suffer these problems, explaining, "I work out daily." If he happens to feel a bit off, he explains it in the context of spending time with me: "Since I didn't work out yesterday..."

I am befuddled at this. Generally, he and I walk my dog or something. We don't sit around. How can I respond the next time he makes a cut about my sedentary lifestyle?

- No Miss Piggy

Dear No Miss Piggy:

Sounds like your partner is a bit up on his high horse regarding his workout routine. Next time he makes a subtle dig, I would tell him exactly what you told me. Be direct. Say that you enjoy being active but that you don't appreciate his undercutting remarks.

That being said, hitting the gym does have a huge positive impact on both your mental and physical well-being. Maybe you want to join him for his workout once or twice a week. Do it for you, though — not to please him.

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NARMC Welcomes Zachary Reed

as new nursing manager for ICU, Medical Surgical Units

Staff Report
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North Arkansas Regional Medical Center (NARMC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Zachary Reed, BSN, RN as the new nursing manager for the Intensive Care (ICU) and Medical Surgical Units. With extensive experience and a steadfast commitment to exceptional patient care, Reed brings a dynamic and compassionate leadership style to the hospital's nursing team.

In his role as the nursing manager for ICU and Medical Surgical Units, Reed will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-

day operations of these crucial departments. Working closely with the nursing staff, physicians, and other healthcare professionals, he will ensure the highest standard of patient care and safety. Reed will play a pivotal role in driving clinical excellence, fostering a collaborative environment, and implementing best practices to enhance patient outcomes.

“We are thrilled to have a dedicated nurse leader on board,” said Donna Boehm, Chief Nursing Officer. “With Zach's nursing experience, continued educational growth and dedication to providing the best patient ex-



perience, we are confident that he will contribute significantly to the continuous growth and improvement in NARMC's healthcare system.”

Reed earned his Associate of Applied Science in Nursing from Arkansas State University in Mountain Home. He later graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, followed by a Master of Nursing Science in Nursing Administration from Capella University. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated exceptional leadership in manag-

ing critical care and medical surgical units. He has been happily married to Whitney for 16 years this December, and together, they have one 6-year-old daughter named Willa. Presently, they live in Flippin.

“NARMC is an exceptional organization, and I am proud to be a part of it,” stated Reed. “The hospital's genuine commitment to the community and its people is truly remarkable, I am eager to lead this amazing team in the ICU and Medical Surgical Units, and I look forward to contributing to the excellent care we provide to our patients.”

Climate change made July hotter for 4 of 5 humans on Earth, scientists find

By The Associated Press

Human-caused global warming made July hotter for four out of five people on Earth, with more than 2 billion people feeling climate change-boosted warmth daily, according to a flash study.

More than 6.5 billion people, or 81% of the world's population, sweated through at least one day where climate change had a significant effect on the average daily temperature, according to a new report issued Wednesday by Climate Central, a science non-profit that has figured a way to calculate how much climate change has affected daily weather.

“We really are experiencing climate change just about everywhere,” said Climate Central Vice President for Science Andrew Pershing.

Researchers looked at 4,711 cities and found climate change fingerprints in 4,019 of them for July, which other scientists said is the hottest month on record. The new study calculated that the burning of coal, oil and natural gas had made it three times more likely to be hotter on at least one day in those cities. In the U.S., where the climate effect was largest in Florida, more than 244 million people felt greater heat due to climate change during July.

For 2 billion people, in a mostly tropical belt across the globe, climate change made it three times more likely to be hotter every single day of July.

Those include the million-person cities of Mecca, Saudi Arabia and San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

The day with the most widespread climate-change effect was July 10, when 3.5 billion people experienced extreme heat that had global warming's fingerprints, according to the report. That's different than the hottest day globally, which was July 7, according to the University of Maine's Climate Reanalyzer.

The study is not peer-reviewed, the gold standard for science, because the month just ended. It is based on peer-reviewed climate fingerprinting methods that are used by other groups and are considered technically valid by the National Academy of Sciences. Two outside climate scientists told The Associated Press that they found the study to be credible.

More than a year ago Climate Central developed a measurement tool called the Climate Shift Index. It calculates the effect, if any, of climate change on temperatures across the globe in real time, using European and U.S. forecasts, observations and computer simulations. To find if there is an effect, the scientists compare recorded temperatures to a simulated world with no warming from climate change and it's about 2 degrees (1.2 degrees Celsius) cooler to find out the chances that the heat was natural.

“By now, we should all be used to individual heat waves being

connected to global warming,” said Princeton University climate scientist Gabriel Vecchi, who wasn't part of the study. “Unfortunately, this month, as this study elegantly shows, has given the vast majority of people on this planet a taste of global warming's impact on extreme heat.”

In the United States, 22 U.S. cities had at least 20 days when climate change tripled the likelihood of extra heat, including Miami, Houston, Phoenix, Tampa, Las Vegas and Austin.

The U.S. city most affected by climate change in July was Cape Coral, Florida, which saw fossil fuels make hotter temperatures 4.6 times more likely for the month and had 29 out of 31 days where there was a significant climate change fingerprint.

The farther north in the United States, the less of a climate effect was seen in July. Researchers found no significant effect in places like North Dakota and South Dakota, Wyoming, northern California, upstate New York and parts of Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Heat waves in the U.S. Southwest, the Mediterranean and even China have gotten special analysis by World Weather Attribution finding a climate change signal, but places like the Caribbean and Middle East are having huge climate change signals and not getting the attention, Pershing said.

Unlike the other study, this one looked at the entire globe.

Republican National Committee boosts polling, fundraising thresholds to qualify for 2nd debate

By The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Some Republican presidential candidates haven't yet met polling and fundraising thresholds for the first debate of the 2024 cycle, and now the qualifications for making it to the second one will be even higher.

To get to the second debate, scheduled for Sept. 27 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, candidates will need at least 3% in two national polls or will need 3% in one national poll as well as two polls from four of the early-voting states — Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina — a person familiar with the markers set by the Republican National Committee told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The White House hopefuls must also have at least 50,000 unique donors, with at least 200 of those coming from 20 states or territories, according to the person, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly on the qualifications and spoke on the condition of anonymity. The new thresholds were first reported by Politico.

All of the requirements must be met at least two days before the debate, the person said.

Those are increases from the thresholds for the first debate, scheduled for Aug. 23 in Milwaukee. To get there, candidates have to secure at least 1% in three high-quality

national polls, or in a mixture of early-state and national polls, as well as secure at least 40,000 unique donors.

Meeting those marks has been tough for about half of the broad GOP field.

So far, seven candidates have qualified for the first debate: former President Donald Trump, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley, South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott, biotech entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy, former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum.

Two hopefuls, former Vice President Mike Pence and former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson, have met the polling requirements but not yet secured the needed number of unique donors. Others have aimed to up their numbers in creative — and potentially legally questionable — ways.

Trump, the field's early front-runner, long ago met the polling and fundraising thresholds but has said that he might skip the Milwaukee debate and hold a competing campaign event of his own. The on-stage participating candidate with the highest poll numbers will appear in the center, according to the debate details shared with the AP.

An overall RNC requirement to participate in its debates is that candidates pledge to support the eventual GOP nominee and vow not to take

part in any debates not sanctioned by the party, which include the general election debate sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates.

The RNC has declined to release the actual language of the pledge it intends to make candidates sign. The pledge is expected to be similar to the one in 2016, when candidates had to affirm that, if they did not win the nomination, they would “endorse the 2016 Republican presidential nominee regardless of who it is” and not run as an independent or accept the nomination of any other party.

Only former Texas Rep. Will Hurd has said definitively that he will not sign the 2024 pledge. He said he won't support Trump, who has been indicted three times, if he becomes the eventual nominee.

Trump was indicted Tuesday on felony charges for working to overturn his 2020 election loss to Democrat Joe Biden in the run-up to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot by his supporters at the U.S. Capitol, and he is due in court in Washington, D.C., on Thursday. His campaign has called those charges “fake.”

He also faces charges in a federal case in Florida related to the mishandling of classified documents and in a state case in New York stemming from hush money payments made during the 2016 presidential campaign to bury allegations of extramarital sexual encounters.

Prepare to flick off your incandescent bulbs for good

New US rules kick in this week

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Get ready to say goodbye to the once ubiquitous incandescent light bulb, pioneered by Thomas Edison more than a century ago. You can thank — or blame — new federal energy efficiency regulations

that went into full effect Tuesday. Quite possibly without you even noticing.

The Energy Department rules, which date back to the Obama administration, have been whipsawed in the political process for years. Some conservatives and Republican lawmakers long denounced them for interfering with consumer choice and placing undue burdens

on business. Under former President Donald Trump, the Energy Department scrapped them in 2019; the Biden administration subsequently revived them.

Yet by the time Aug. 1 rolled around, the critics had gone quiet, possibly because companies and consumers have already started voting for better lighting efficiency with their wallets.

Here's what you need to know.

WHAT CHANGES UNDER THE NEW RULES?

The rules establish strict new efficiency standards for bulbs used in homes and businesses and bans the manufacture and sale of those that don't meet those requirements. Practical incandescent bulbs, which trace their origin to an 1880 Edison

patent, can't meet those standards. Neither can halogen bulbs. The rules also ban imports of less efficient bulbs.

But those requirements carry a bit less heft than they would have several years back, largely because advances in LED technology and manufacturing have dramatically lowered prices and improved quality. LED stands for “light emitting diode,”

a semiconductor device that converts electricity directly into light.

Between 2015 and 2020, for instance, the percentage of American households that reported using LED bulbs for most or all of their lighting jumped more than tenfold — from 4% to 47%, according to the Energy Information Administration, an independent federal statistics agency.



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Deaths		
Rose Stamps , Osage, died Saturday, July 29. Graveside service at 12:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 7, at Liberty Cemetery in Dinsmore.		
Carole Shearer , Harrison, died Thursday, July 27. Celebration of Life will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at Harrison Seventh Day Adventist Church.		

The Harrison Daily Times is pleased to publish death notices of reasonable length at no charge to the family. Expanded obits, with more detail and information, may be purchased as paid advertising through a funeral home or by calling Lynn Blevins at the newspaper at (870) 743-0606.

Christopher Morgan, 50, Mountain Home

Christopher Daniel Morgan, 50, of Mountain Home, died Wednesday, July 26 (2023). He was born Jan. 6, 1973, in Fort Worth, Texas, to Glenn Morgan and Wanda (Kelley) Boozer.

Christopher served the US Army for 17 years and was actively deployed throughout his military career.

Christopher is survived by his son, Wyatt Virgil; mother, Wanda Boozer; siblings, Jason Foushee and Melanie Meyer; and a multitude of loving friends and family members.

Services are private under the direction of Conner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

Rose Stamps, 86, Osage

Rose Mary Green Stamps died Saturday, July 29 (2023). She was born March 31, 1937, to Gene and Mary (Angotti) Green of Kansas City, Missouri. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Lewis Stamps.

Rose is survived by her son, Danny Stamps; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many loving family and friends.

Visitation for Rose Mary Green Stamps will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday, Aug. 7, at Osage Baptist Church. Graveside service will follow at 12:30 p.m., at Liberty Cemetery in Dinsmore. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Online condolences can be made at smithfamily-funeralhome.net.

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Former GOP Senate leader in Connecticut who resigned amid a legislative probe dies at 89

By The Associated Press

Louis DeLuca, a former Republican leader of the Connecticut state Senate who served 17 years in the General Assembly before reluctantly resigning, has died at age 89.

DeLuca died on Friday after a long illness, according to Waterbury Republican-American and Legacy.com.

DeLuca left the General Assembly in 2007 as his colleagues were considering whether to force him to turn over records in a federal criminal case. DeLuca at the time had already pleaded guilty to a charge related to him asking a trash hauler with suspected organized crime ties to threaten a man DeLuca believed was abusing his granddaughter.

DeLuca repeatedly stressed he had not violated the public's trust and the issue was a family matter.

"I believe in my heart that my actions were designed to protect my family and to keep my family whole and safe from the horrible nature of domestic violence," he said when he announced his resignation.

A fiscal conservative who advocated for the environment, DeLuca was known for being willing to compromise at times with the Democrats. He garnered sympathy as well as appreciation for his legislative work from many of his constituents and remained active in local politics in his hometown of Woodbury until his death.

Woodbury First Selectman Barbara K. Perkinson told the Waterbury Republican-American that she knew DeLuca and his family for more than 50 years, saying the town had "lost a true champion" for the northwestern Connecticut community.

"He was admired and a dedicated statesman who always had the best interest of the public first," Perkinson said.

The newspaper reported DeLuca received a standing ovation during an appearance at the Woodbury Republican Town Committee nearly two weeks ago.

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4' Bronze Girl Garden Statue W/Rabbits
Glass Kerosene Lamps, Kerosene Lanterns, Hanging Kerosene Aladdin Type Lamp
Aladdin Floor Lamps, Floor Lamp (electric)
Wood 5' Step Ladder (old-used for display), Oil Can & Funnel Collection, Luzianne Coffee Tin Enamelware Coffee Pot W/Matching Jar, Apple Peeler, Canning Jar Holder
Trunks, Luggage & Nail Keg, Weed Scythe, 1 & 2 Man Crosscut Saws
Brass Candle Snuffer, Wood Leaf Rake, Cast Iron Overland Circus Wagons W/Horses
Cast Iron Beer Wagon W/Clydesdale, African American (Cast Iron Banks, Figurines, Plates, Wall Prints, etc:
Regulator Wall Clocks, Imperial Wall Clock, Time, Mantle, Alarm, Anniversary & Travel Clocks
Very Early GI Joe Doll In Original Box, Wood School Desk W/Iron Legs, Child's Push Scooter, Singing Bird In Cage
4 String Banjo, Brass Hand Bells, 4 Door 5' Wood Cabinet, Checker Board (from General Store Porch)
Pictures/Prints (Western Scenes, Native American, Antique Pictures W/Bubble Glass Frames
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


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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Put into cuffs

4 Compulsion

8 Release

12 Genesis name

13 Proximate

14 Sal —

15 Freshly washed

16 Game played in natatoriums (2 wds.)

18 Charter again

20 Prado museum's contents

21 Reply (abbr.)

22 Chem. or bio.

23 Audibly

26 Scarab

29 Fossil fuel

30 Intruder in gardens

31 Period

33 Curve shape

34 Cheat

35 Police action

36 Leisurely walk

38 Seizes

39 Schumer or Winehouse

40 Bulg. neighbor

41 Sepulcher

43 Ladle

46 Gobbledygook

48 Upper limit

50 Indigo

51 Eye part

52 — de la Plata

53 Satiating

54 Emporium

55 College, for short

DOWN

1 Unfamiliar

2 Say with confidence

3 — noire

4 Take it easy

Answer to Previous Puzzle

5 Raises

6 Turnstile

7 Word in a palindrome

8 — de corps

9 Irrelevant

10 Doing nothing

11 "The — of Pooh"

17 Ran

19 Lug

22 Try to get

23 Expert airman

24 Investment result

25 Kiln

26 Kind of tower

27 Security problem

28 Pennsylvania port

30 Sly

32 Classifieds

34 Dessert item

35 Bolster (with "up")

37 Digress

38 Chapeau (2 wds.)

40 Early bird

41 Turner or Louise

42 Sad news, for short

43 Prima donna

44 Beige

45 Picnic spoiler

46 Fuel

47 Liquor

49 Luau fare

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ U J N R K F B Y H J V E L Y H K W J X A V X I J

Y R K . B L J N H V N L J N P N V K J Y E H Y A J F

X E F Y R I Y A ' K K N G J B N L J Y E F Y R L

W J N D K W . ” — I Y D Y L J V I J D L X Y

Previous Solution: “I like to address the fears of my culture. I believe it's good to face the enemy, for the enemy is fear.” — Wes Craven

TODAY'S CLUE: X equals K

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 215th day of 2023 and the 44th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1492, Christopher Columbus, seeking a sea route to the Far East, departed Palos de la Frontera, Spain.

In 1914, Germany declared war on France.

In 1958, the U.S. nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus became the first vessel to cross the North Pole underwater.

In 1972, the U.S. Senate ratified the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

In 2019, a mass shooting at a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas, left 23 dead and 22 injured.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Elisha Otis (1811-1861), inventor; Ernie Pyle (1900-1945), journalist/war correspondent; Leon Uris (1924-2003), author; Tony Bennett (1926-), singer; Martin Sheen (1940-), actor; Martha Stewart (1941-), TV personality/business mogul; James Hetfield (1963-), singer-songwriter; Tom Brady (1977-), football player.

ASTRO-GRAPH

Don't let uncertainty weigh you down if applying your skills will help you reach your objective. Stay focused on what's important to you, and adapt your skills and expertise to suit trends. You have plenty to gain if you keep your plans simple and within budget. Say no to grand ideas and concepts and yes to what works and helps you move forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A change may take you by surprise but also open your eyes to many opportunities. Talk to experts and embark on a new adventure. Let go of what no longer brings you joy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Take in what's happening around you and engage in conversations that enrich your mind and life. Consider what moves you, and pursue the people, places and prospects that make you feel good.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Offering a donation instead of getting involved in the nitty-gritty will not have the same effect, leaving you and those in need at a disadvantage. Embrace the experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Engage in activities that motivate and stimulate your mind. The aim is to lower stress and enjoy what life has to offer instead of maintaining something unreasonable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be straightforward with loved ones, discuss your thoughts, clear the air and consider doable options. Lowering your overhead will give you breathing room to make your life less cluttered.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Make a difference in how you live,

work and play. Think outside the box, put a wish list together, set your sights on what's important to you and devise a plan that will be met with approval.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Think twice before you say or do something you'll regret. Look for ways to improve yourself and your life instead of putting the blame elsewhere. Take responsibility and do what's best for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A realistic approach to the possibilities will help you find a way to improve your life and relationships with others. Speak from the heart, but maintain honesty and integrity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Distance yourself from people who expect too much from you. Consider your needs and how best to make your dreams come true. It's your life; take control and make decisions that benefit you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your ability to show compassion and discipline will encourage others to want to join your team. Don't settle for less when you can go above and beyond your expectations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't be too eager to give others the benefit of the doubt. Question anything that sounds fishy or doesn't fit your schedule or plans. Brightening your surroundings will boost your morale.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may not like change, but when the benefits outnumber your fears, you may want to reconsider your options. A forward move will lead to personal growth and a brighter future.

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SUDOKU

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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2 1 4 8 3 5 7 6 9

HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

CREDIT

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stability of the federal government has kept its borrowing costs low. Global investors often flock to U.S. Treasury securities during periods of economic turmoil, lowering the interest rate paid by the U.S. government.

Fitch had warned May 24 that it could remove the government’s triple-A rating as Congress again struggled to raise the borrowing limit. A deal was reached nearly a week later that suspended the limit and cut about \$1.5 trillion from the government deficit over the next decade.

Fitch cited the worsening political divisions around spending and tax policy as a key reason for its decision. It said U.S. governance has declined relative to other highly rated countries and it noted “repeated debt limit standoffs and last-minute resolutions.”

Biden administration officials strongly criticized Fitch’s move. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said it was “arbitrary” and “based on outdated data.”

Yellen noted that the U.S. economy has rapidly recovered from the pandemic recession, with the unemployment rate near a half-century low and the economy expanding at a solid 2.4% annual rate in the April-June quarter.

Fitch informed Biden administration officials that the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection was a factor in its decision to downgrade because it indicated an unstable government, according to a person familiar with the discussions between the administration and the rating agency. Fitch produced a report last year that showed government stability declined from 2018 to 2021, but increased since Biden assumed the presidency, said the person, who was granted anonymity to disclose private conversations.

Another factor in Fitch’s decision is that it expects the U.S. economy to tumble into a “mild recession” in the final three months of this year and early next year. Economists at the Federal Reserve made a similar forecast this spring but then reversed it in July and said growth would slow but a recession would likely be avoided.

WILLIAMS

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as a PSAP Telecommunicator for Boone County 911, adding to his 45-plus years of exemplary public service in the aforementioned counties. His commitment extends further as he has also served as a city council member in Pyatt, a constable for Blythe Township in Marion County, and president of the Marion County Fire Chief’s Association.

Throughout his life, Chuck has devoted himself to serving his community and its residents in the counties he faithfully served. Despite his years of selfless service, he has always remained humble, exemplifying the true definition of a servant leader. His unwavering integrity, willingness to share his wisdom, and readiness to lend a helping hand wherever needed have made him an invaluable member of NARMC EMS.

Through his unwavering dedication to public service in EMS and Fire, as well as his contributions to the community over the years, Chuck has positively impacted countless lives. Despite his desire to be regarded as one among many, his exceptional qualities make him the perfect recipient of the Jack Williams Award.

BUILDING

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\$2,644.58 to the Office of Emergency Management for other services and charges. This total of \$2,733.43 will reimburse expenses incurred by the Road Department and Office of Emergency Management for the office building fire at the Sugarloaf Wastewater Treatment Plant. The amount of \$270 is allocated to the Coroner’s Office for other services and charges, and \$18,985.00 to the County Road Department.

Ordinance number two contains budget amendments, allocating \$32,752.22 from the 911 Department Fund for salaries, benefits and worker’s compensation related to HPD dispatchers. It appropriates \$4,007.50

from the County General Fund for overtime wages and benefits reimbursement to a deputy, as well as new money for the Ozark Transnational Organized Crime Western Hemisphere (OTOC). It allocates \$12,427 from the County General Fund for stipend payments to certified deputies, along with new money for retirement and worker’s compensation. It appropriates \$987.69 from the County General Fund for reimbursement from the Arkansas State Police for overtime worked under the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. Lastly, it allocates \$83.46 from the County General Fund for COBRA benefits.

Ordinance number three contains budget amendments allocating Professional Development Recognition Payments, and

\$2,156.00 from the County General Fund for the Assessor’s Office, with \$2,000 received from the State of Arkansas for employees who completed state-sponsored education programs. Also, \$156 as new money for social security matching and worker’s compensation costs.

Ordinance number four establishes the Supplemental Juvenile Funding Fund for the fiscal year 2023. This ordinance highlights the need for the fund to track revenues, expenditures, and transfers related to the Supplemental Juvenile Funding received from the Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts. It appropriates \$16,000 from the newly established Supplemental Juvenile Funding Fund for programs and services aimed at supporting juveniles in

the area, which was received as a grant from the Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts.

The Personnel Committee, led by Chairman Rodney Sullins, presented the fifth ordinance which allows Boone County to purchase services from Sullins RV, owned by Rodney Sullins. The county needs to repair a trailer, and Sullins RV offered the most cost-effective option. The ordinance emphasizes the county’s interest in using local vendors and fairly priced companies. Upon passage of the ordinance, a purchasing official of Boone County would be authorized to use Sullins RV as a vendor for this and future purchases if it benefits the County, effective Jan. 1, 2023.

Sullins asked JP

Ralph Guynn to present the ordinance. Sullins, making note of the optics, described it as an unusual situation, “It is something that I would make sure that we do not do much of,” he said. “Most situations, somebody else will be able to do that.”

Further discussion items took place which were not on the agenda. Sheriff Roy Martin said the new radios have been trickling in. County officials determined they should only pay for the radios as they are received. If they chose to pay in full before receiving the radios, there would be a risk of the vendor going out of business, possibly locking up the county funds.

In addition, Sheriff Martin confirmed that the two Dodge Durangos the sheriff’s department ordered have been delivered.

REPORT

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on the rise, however, and are pointed to as proof of the rebound.

NARMC President Sammie Cribbs gave the board an example of that growth calling attention to therapy services that have expanded to four days a week at the hospitals’ clinics in Berryville and Marshall. Recent additions to the hospital’s therapy staff are a physical therapist, Dr. Dalton Smith, and a speech language pathologist, Nataley Merz.

Hospital teams are expanding pediatric services with a designated care area and there has been growth in the pelvic health program, Cribbs add-

ed.

“In addition to seeing growth in our therapy services, we are also seeing an increase in our clinic volume,” Cribbs said. “This is exciting to see as we continue to emerge from the pandemic, and recognize that patients are continuing to return for wellness care.”

Post-pandemic challenges persist, however. Cribbs’ list includes: Continuing inflation of costs, breaks in the national supply chain, limitations on workforce availability, problems with payor contracts, unrealistic reimbursement rates and the need for legislative changes.

While speaking of COVID, Cribbs displayed a chart giving a picture of what the

positivity rate looks like. “We continue to monitor this weekly, and fortunately there is very low positivity.”

In the area of capital investments, Cribbs reported to the Board of Governors that the hospital’s Board of Directors approved the purchase of a linear accelerator for the radiation oncology program. “This is a huge investment (\$3 million) for our organization, and we will be preparing for renovation in the oncology area over the next year as we anxiously await delivery of this new equipment,” Cribbs said.

Repairs are continuing to be made to the floor of a conference room and hallway in the new tower section of the hospital. It had suffered water dam-

age. Materials for the repairs have been ordered, but have not yet been delivered due to supply chain issues.

Speaking of deliveries, Cribbs said the hospital received its five-year re-designation as being Baby Friendly. This designation upholds policies and teachings on enhanced mother baby bonding, offers optimal care for infant feeding and ensures a baby’s nutritional needs are adequately met, regardless of whether a mother chooses to breast-feed or formula feed.

“We are one of approximately 25-30 hospitals in the state that continue to deliver babies, and understand how important the care of the mothers and babies are,” Cribbs reported. A video was

shown to the board of a family’s testimonial on the quality of emergency care the hospital provided in helping the mother deliver her son. The video was recorded during the child’s first birthday party held at the hospital.

The board also got to see some photos of the interior of the Medial Plaza. Cribbs said the time for a sneak peek for board members is being planned for the end of August.

Once opened in September, the Medical Plaza will provide a multitude of services including: Pediatrics, urgent care, family practice with obstetrics, laboratory, radiology, surgical and orthopedics. CoxHealth will lease 25% of the space for primary, specialty and mid-level care.

Woman escapes from cinder block cell in Oregon

FBI looks for more possible victims

By The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A man who posed as an undercover police officer kidnapped a woman in Seattle, drove her hundreds of miles to his home in Oregon and locked her in a cinder block cell until she bloodied her hands breaking the door to escape, the FBI said Wednesday.

Negasi Zuberi, 29, faces a federal interstate kidnapping charge, and authorities said they are looking for additional victims after linking him to violent sexual assaults in at least four more states.

“This woman was kidnapped, chained, sexually assaulted, and locked in a cinder-block cell,” Stephanie Shark, the assistant special agent in charge of the FBI’s Portland field office, said in a news release. “Police say she beat the door with her hands until they were bloody in order to break free. Her quick thinking and will to survive may have saved other women from a similar nightmare.”

After the woman escaped from his home in Klamath Falls, Zuberi fled the southern Oregon city of roughly

22,000 people but was arrested by state police in Reno, Nevada, the next afternoon, the FBI said.

Court records don’t list an attorney who might speak on Zuberi’s behalf. He hasn’t been assigned a public defender in Oregon yet, as he’s still in the process of being transferred from Nevada, which can take several weeks, said Kevin Sonoff, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney’s office in Oregon.

According to the FBI, Zuberi also went by the names Sakima, Justin Hyche and Justin Kouassi, and he has lived in multiple states since 2016, possibly including California, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Utah, Florida, New York, New Jersey, Alabama, and Nevada.

According to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Oregon, Zuberi solicited the woman, identified only as Adult Victim 1, in the early-morning hours of July 15 to engage in prostitution along Aurora Avenue in Seattle, an area known for sex work. Afterward, Zuberi told the woman he was an undercover officer, showed her a badge, pointed a stun gun at her, and placed her in handcuffs and leg irons before putting her in the back of his

vehicle, the complaint says.

He then drove the woman to his home in Oregon, stopping along the way to sexually assault her, the complaint states. When they arrived, about seven hours after he first encountered her in Seattle, he put her in a makeshift cell he had built in his garage — a cinder block cell with a door of metal bars — and said he was leaving to do paperwork.

The woman “briefly slept and awoke to the realization that she would likely die if she did not attempt to escape,” the complaint says.

She started punching the metal door and broke some of its welded joints, creating a small opening which she climbed through, Klamath Police Capt. Rob Reynolds said at a news conference.

“When she was trying to escape the cell itself, she repeatedly punched the door with her own hands,” Reynolds said. “She had several lacerations along her knuckles.”

The victim saw Zuberi’s vehicle parked in the garage, opened it, grabbed his gun and then took off, leaving blood on a wooden fence she climbed over to escape, the complaint says. She flagged down a passing driver, who called 911.

Two Nevada State Patrol officers tracked Zuberi down at a Walmart parking lot in Reno the next day, July 16, the complaint says. He was in his car holding one of his children in the front seat while talking to his wife, who was standing outside the vehicle. He initially refused to get out of the car when the officers asked and instead cut himself with a sharp object and tried to destroy his phone, according to the complaint, which notes that Zuberi eventually surrendered and that the child wasn’t harmed.

According to the complaint, investigators interviewed Zuberi’s wife and neighbors. Authorities declined to say if there was any indication that any of them had been aware of the Seattle woman’s abduction.

Investigators said that when they searched Zuberi’s home and garage, they found the makeshift cell, the woman’s purse and handwritten notes. One of the notes was titled “Operation Take Over,” and included a bullet list with entries that read “Leave phone at home” and “Make sure they don’t have a bunch of ppl (sic) in their life. You don’t want any type of investigation.”

Another handwritten document appeared to

include a rough sketch for an underground structure using concrete blocks, foam insulation and waterproof concrete.

The FBI said Zuberi may have used other methods of gaining control of women, including drugging their drinks. The agency said it was setting up a website asking anyone who believes they may have been a victim to come forward.

The Klamath Falls rental home where Zuberi allegedly took the woman is owned by the city’s mayor, Carol Westfall, and her husband, Kevin, according to property records. The house backs onto a park and is on a residential street, less than a quarter-mile (half a kilometer) from a highway.

Court records show that after Zuberi’s arrest, the couple had him evicted.

“We are shocked and dismayed by what has occurred,” the Westfalls said in an email. “We applaud the actions of the woman who helped capture this person and prevent him from committing further atrocities.”

The Westfalls also praised local, state and federal law enforcement for their work on the case. They declined to respond to queries about their interactions with Zuberi.

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VALDEZ THROWS NO-HITTER AS ASTROS BEAT GUARDIANS, 2-0

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Framber Valdez threw the 16th no-hitter in Houston Astros history in a 2-0 victory over the Cleveland Guardians on Tuesday night.

Valdez (9-7) allowed just one baserunner on a walk in the fifth inning, but still faced the minimum thanks to a double play in that frame. He's the first left-hander to throw a no-hitter for Houston.

Gabriel Arias grounded out to start the ninth before Myles Straw lined out to center field. Cam Gallagher then lined out to Jeremy Pena to end it and set off the celebration.

Kyle Tucker provided the offense with a two-run single in the third inning.

Cleveland's rookie starter Gavin Williams (1-3) allowed four hits

and two runs in five innings for the loss.

BRAVES 5, ANGELS 1

ATLANTA — Michael Harris II ended a homer drought with two blasts, including a go-ahead shot in the fifth, Spencer Strider added to his majors-leading total with nine strikeouts and the Atlanta Braves beat the Los Angeles Angels 5-1 on Tuesday night.

Strider (12-3) allowed one run in 6 2/3 innings in his first victory since July 8. He has nine or more strikeouts in 17 of 22 starts, giving him 208 for the season.

Patrick Sandoval (6-8) allowed two runs on three hits and four walks in five innings for Los Angeles.

Harris hit his first homer since July 3 by lining an 0-2 pitch from Sandoval 445 feet to right field with one out

in the fifth.

The Angels began the day three games behind the final AL wild card and 4 1/2 games behind AL West leader Texas.

ORIOLES 13, BLUE JAYS 3

TORONTO — Anthony Santander hit his second career grand slam, Gunnar Henderson homered for the second straight game and AL-leading Baltimore remained unbeaten in Toronto this season.

Santander went 3 for 4 with a walk and four RBIs. He cleared the bases with his 19th home run, a deep drive off Nate Pearson in the eighth.

Henderson went 3 for 5 with two RBIs, and Ryan Mountcastle reached base four times and drove in two runs as the Orioles won for the fourth time in five games and improved their league-best record to 66-41.

Right-hander Kyle Bradish (7-6) allowed three runs and four hits in seven innings, snapping a two-start losing streak. Bradish walked one and struck out seven.

Blue Jays catcher Danny Jansen hit a two-run home run and Brandon Belt added a solo shot, but Toronto fell to 1-7 against the Orioles, including 0-5 north of the border.

Hyun Jin Ryu made his season debut after having Tommy John surgery in June 2022 and allowed allowed four runs and nine hits in five-plus innings. He walked one and struck out three.

reer high for wins, surpassing his previous best in 2018 for Philadelphia. After leaving his previous start due to knee discomfort, Eflin struck out five and walked none. He got nine outs on the ground in his fourth scoreless start this season.

Rodón (1-4) struggled in his fifth start for New York after missing three-plus months with forearm and back injuries. The left-hander gave up four runs and four hits in four innings.

DODGERS 7, ATHLETICS 3

LOS ANGELES — Lance Lynn gave up three home runs in his Dodgers debut, Mookie Betts hit his 28th homer and Los Angeles earned its 60th victory of the season.

Traded last week by the Chicago White Sox, Lynn retired the first seven batters he faced. But he soon surrendered his 29th, 30th and 31st homers of the season.

Lynn (7-9) allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings. The right-hander struck out seven and walked one while eating up precious innings for a team that needs its starters to go deep to preserve the bullpen.

Kiké Hernández's three-run double highlighted a four-run fourth. Freddie Freeman singled leading off before Ken Waldichuk (2-7) struck out Will Smith and Amed Rosario.

Waldichuk gave up four runs and one hit in 3 2/3 innings, struck out five and walked three.

save in 20 chances to wrap up the Rangers' eighth shutout this season.

Garver put the Rangers ahead with his sixth homer when he went deep off White Sox rookie right-hander Jesse Scholtens (1-4) in the fifth inning of the game that took only one hour, 58 minutes to play. Scholtens struck out six, walked one and hit a batter over his six innings. The starter and two relievers limited Texas to four hits.

Garcia's 26th homer, and AL-leading 85th RBI, came in the seventh.

Heaney (8-6) won his third consecutive decision over his last four starts.

CUBS 20, REDS 9

CHICAGO — Dansby Swanson homered twice and drove in five runs, and Chicago pounded Cincinnati.

Mike Tauchman also went deep and finished with four RBIs as Chicago won for the ninth time in 11 games. The Cubs bashed seven homers while also setting season highs for runs and hits with 21.

Jeimer Candelario went 4 for 5 and scored two runs in his first game since he was reacquired by Chicago in a trade with Washington on Monday. Candelario also made his big league debut with the Cubs in 2016.

Swanson hit a three-run homer in Chicago's five-run first against Ben Lively (4-7). He added a two-run drive in the fourth for his 15th homer this season, helping the Cubs build a 13-2 lead.

Cubs left-hander Justin Steele (12-3) pitched six innings in his third consecutive win. He permitted five runs, four earned, and nine hits.

off the inning. Sean Manaea, signed in the offseason to be part of San Francisco's rotation, came on and got Ketel Marte to foul out and Corbin Carroll to fly out.

Manaea made three pitches to Arizona clean-up hitter Christian Walker before Bailey fired over to first to nab Perdomo. The Diamondbacks challenged the call that was upheld on review, giving Manaea his first career save.

Walker (4-0) retired seven batters and allowed two hits for the victory.

Marte hit his 100th career home run for the Diamondbacks.

LaMonte Wade Jr. broke out of a prolonged slump with two hits, including a go-ahead home run in the seventh inning for the Giants. Wade, who has been battling a sore back recently and was in a 1-for-18 funk, singled off Zac Gallen in the third, walked in the fifth, then hit his 10th home run off reliever Miguel Castro (5-5).

PHILLIES 3, MARLINS 1

MIAMI — Nick Castellanos slugged a tie-breaking two-run homer in the ninth inning to rally Philadelphia past Miami.

Castellanos, who has been mired in an 8-for-68 skid in the second half of the season, drilled a slider from Marlins closer David Robertson (4-3) over the wall in left-center to punctuate the three-run outburst in the inning. Earlier in the ninth, Bryce Harper tied the game with an RBI double.

Philadelphia's Grego Soto (3-4) pitched a scoreless eighth and Seranthony Dominguez closed with a perfect ninth for his first save.

Avisaíl García's RBI double in the third gave Miami an early lead. García drove in Luis Arraez, who had two hits and saw his major league-leading batting average stay at .381.

MLB Glance									
By The Associated Press									
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NATIONAL LEAGUE GLANCE					AMERICAN LEAGUE GLANCE				
EAST DIVISION					EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	68	37	.648	—	Baltimore	66	41	.617	—
Philadelphia	58	49	.542	11	Tampa Bay	66	44	.600	1½
Miami	57	51	.528	12½	Toronto	59	49	.546	7½
New York	50	56	.472	18½	Boston	57	50	.533	9
Washington	45	63	.417	24½	New York	55	52	.514	11
CENTRAL DIVISION					CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	59	50	.541	—	Minnesota	55	53	.509	—
Milwaukee	58	50	.537	½	Cleveland	53	55	.491	2
Chicago	54	53	.505	4	Detroit	47	60	.439	7½
Pittsburgh	48	58	.453	9½	Chicago	43	65	.398	12
St. Louis	47	61	.435	11½	Kansas City	33	75	.306	22
WEST DIVISION					WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	60	45	.571	—	Texas	61	46	.570	—
San Francisco	59	49	.546	2½	Houston	61	47	.565	½
Arizona	57	51	.528	4½	Los Angeles	56	52	.519	5½
San Diego	53	55	.491	8½	Seattle	55	52	.514	6
Colorado	42	65	.393	19	Oakland	30	78	.278	31½
									
Tuesday's Games					Tuesday's Games				
Philadelphia 3, Miami 1					Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 1				
Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 1					Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 2				
Milwaukee 6, Washington 4					Atlanta 5, L.A. Angels 1				
Atlanta 5, L.A. Angels 1					Baltimore 13, Toronto 3				
Minnesota 3, St. Louis 2					Texas 2, Chicago White Sox 0				
Chicago Cubs 20, Cincinnati 9					Houston 2, Cleveland 0				
Kansas City 7, N.Y. Mets 6, 10 innings					Minnesota 3, St. Louis 2				
San Diego 8, Colorado 5					Kansas City 7, N.Y. Mets 6, 10 innings				
San Francisco 4, Arizona 3					Boston 6, Seattle 4				
L.A. Dodgers 7, Oakland 3					L.A. Dodgers 7, Oakland 3				
Wednesday's Games					Wednesday's Games				
L.A. Angels at Atlanta, 12:20 p.m.					L.A. Angels at Atlanta, 12:20 p.m.				
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.					Detroit at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Washington, 1:05 p.m.					Cleveland at Houston, 2:10 p.m.				
San Diego at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.					Boston at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Miami, 6:40 p.m.					Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.				
Minnesota at St. Louis, 7:45 p.m.					Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.				
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.					Minnesota at St. Louis, 7:45 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.					Chicago White Sox at Texas, 8:05 p.m.				
Arizona at San Francisco, 9:45 p.m.					N.Y. Mets at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.				
Oakland at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.					Oakland at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.				
Thursday's Games					Thursday's Games				
Philadelphia (Lorenzen 5-7) at Miami (Cueto 0-2), 12:10 p.m.					Chicago White Sox (Toussaint 1-3) at Texas (Scherzer 9-4), 2:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (TBD) at Kansas City (Singer 6-8), 2:10 p.m.					N.Y. Mets (TBD) at Kansas City (Singer 6-8), 2:10 p.m.				
Arizona (Pfaadt 0-4) at San Francisco (TBD), 3:45 p.m.					Baltimore (TBD) at Toronto (Gausman 8-5), 3:07 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Keller 9-7) at Milwaukee (Houser 3-3), 7:15 p.m.					Houston (Javier 7-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Schmidt 7-6), 7:15 p.m.				
Minnesota (Gray 4-4) at St. Louis (Liberatore 1-3), 7:45 p.m.					Minnesota (Gray 4-4) at St. Louis (Liberatore 1-3), 7:45 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Weaver 2-3) at Chicago Cubs (Taillon 5-6), 8:05 p.m.					Seattle (Woo 1-3) at L.A. Angels (Ohtani 9-5), 9:38 p.m.				
Oakland (Sears 2-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Urias 7-6), 10:10 p.m.					Oakland (Sears 2-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Urias 7-6), 10:10 p.m.				
Friday's Games					Friday's Games				
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.					Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6:40 p.m.				
Washington at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.					Houston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.				
Kansas City at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.					Kansas City at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.					N.Y. Mets at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.				
Miami at Texas, 8:05 p.m.					Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.				
Arizona at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.					Toronto at Boston, 7:10 p.m.				
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.					Miami at Texas, 8:05 p.m.				
Colorado at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.					Arizona at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 9:40 p.m.					Seattle at L.A. Angels, 9:38 p.m.				

RAYS 5, YANKEES 2

NEW YORK — Zach Eflin pitched six shut-out innings of three-hit ball to become the American League's first 12-game winner, Randy Arozarena hit a two-run homer off Carlos Rodón and Tampa Bay beat New York.

Yandy Díaz also connected for the Rays, who won their third straight game and have gone deep six times in the last two nights at Yankee Stadium.

Eflin (12-6) set a ca-

RANGERS 2, WHITE SOX 0

ARLINGTON, Texas — Andrew Heaney struck out 11 without a walk while throwing two-hit ball over six innings, Mitch Garver and Adolis García hit solo homers and the AL West-leading Texas shut out Chicago.

Josh Sborz and Aroldis Chapman each pitched an inning before Will Smith's perfect ninth for his 18th

MLB trade analysis: AL West leaders loaded up on starting pitchers

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Baseball Writer

The arms race in the AL West began with Lucas Giolito and quickly escalated.

After the Los Angeles Angels acquired Giolito and signaled their intentions to make a bid for the postseason, division rivals Texas and Houston answered with some big moves of their own, acquiring Max Scherzer and Justin Verlander before Tuesday's trade deadline. That should set up quite a race down the stretch.

Scherzer and Verlander, who were previously teammates with both the Tigers and Mets, were dealt by New York to two AL West rivals. Verlander returns to Houston less than a year after winning the Cy Young Award with the Astros. That was the third of his career, matching Scherzer's total.

Here's a look at the biggest buyers and sellers at this year's deadline, and how they've reshaped their futures:

BUYERS

Texas Rangers (61-46, first place in AL West)
Acquired: C Austin Hedges, LHP Jordan Montgomery, C Kevin

Plawewski, RHP Max Scherzer and RHP Chris Stratton.

Traded: SS Luisangel Acuña, RHP Spencer Howard, LHP John King, RHP Tekoah Roby and SS Thomas Saggese.

Analysis: After losing Jacob deGrom and now Nathan Eovaldi to injuries, the Rangers will have to hope Scherzer and Montgomery can keep their rotation afloat. Their spot atop the division is precarious, but they've not giving it up without a fight.

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Houston Astros (61-47, second place in AL West)
Acquired: RHP Kendall Graveman and RHP Justin Verlander.

Traded: OF Ryan Clifford, OF Drew Gilbert and C Korey Lee.

Analysis: The Astros lost Verlander to the Mets via free agency last offseason, only for him to return with New York covering the majority of the \$57.5 million the right-hander is still guaranteed through the end of next season. No wonder Houston didn't feel the need to do much else.

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Los Angeles Angels (56-52, third place in

AL West)
Acquired: 1B C.J. Cron, RHP Lucas Giolito, RF Randal Grichuk, RHP Dominic Leone and RHP Reynaldo López.

Traded: LHP Mason Albright, LHP Ky Bush, LHP Tucker Davidson, SS Jeremiah Jackson, RHP Jake Madden and C Edgar Quero.

Analysis: This is what you do when you don't even want to think about what happens if you miss the playoffs again this year. The Angels, who are closer to fourth in the division than second, decided to hold onto Shohei Ohtani and make a run at the postseason. They acquired Giolito and López — both of whom can leave via free agency this offseason — and gave up Quero, the game's No. 65 prospect, according to MLB Pipeline.

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Los Angeles Dodgers (60-45, first place in NL West)
Acquired: RHP Joe Kelly, RHP Lance Lynn, SS Amed Rosario and LHP Ryan Yarbrough.

Traded: RHP Phil Bickford, LHP Justin Bruihl, SS Derlin Figueroa, LHP Adam Kolarek, RHP Jordan

Leasure, 2B Devin Mann, RHP Nick Nastrini, RHP Noah Syndergaard and RF Trayce Thompson.

Analysis: The Dodgers seemed like a realistic landing spot for someone like Verlander or Chicago White Sox ace Dylan Cease, but none of that came to fruition. They reached a deal to acquire Eduardo Rodríguez from Detroit, but that fell through because of his no-trade clause.

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Tampa Bay Rays (66-44, second place in AL East)
Acquired: RHP Aaron Civale, C Alex Jackson, RHP Manuel Rodríguez and RHP Adrian Sampson.

Traded: 1B Kyle Manzardo, RHP Evan McKendry, RHP Luis Patiño and RHP Josh Roberson.

Analysis: After slugging their way to a 13-0 start, Tampa Bay has ceded first place to Baltimore. The Rays made an interesting deal with Cleveland, acquiring Civale, who is under contract through 2025. They gave up a top-50 prospect in Manzardo to do it.

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NCAA’s first girls basketball academy is ‘groundbreaking’

By **DOUG FEINBERG**
AP Basketball Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Divine Bourrage took off her sneakers and switched into a more comfortable pair of slides. It had been a long four days at a milestone event for women's basketball.

Bourrage, who is one of the top 50 players in the high school class of 2025, was among hundreds of players and others at the NCAA's first College Basketball Academy for female players, held over the weekend in Memphis. And she took full advantage.

It wasn't just about the high-level basketball she got to play in, but also the information from sessions provided by the NCAA on recruiting, endorsement compensation, the transfer portal and other topics that will help as her recruiting journey heats up.

"It's going to help me focus on when I look into the colleges," said Bourrage, whose team All Iowa Attack won the tournament in both age divisions. "Ask more questions because I usually don't. I'm not an ask-the-question person. They showed us a whole bunch of questions, I took a picture because I need to learn to ask questions about that."

The event, sponsored by the NCAA in conjunction with USA Basketball, was the first of its kind for girls basketball and stemmed from a blistering 2021 report on a lack of equity. The NCAA ran an academy for boys basketball in 2019 and held it again this year in Memphis last month right before the girls' one.

"This was a direct result from one of the recommendations of the report," said Lynn Holzman, NCAA vice president for women's basketball. "Invest in women's basketball to help provide educational opportunities and exposure opportunities at an equitable level. We've been able to provide a mirror image and model for both men and women."

The NCAA footed the \$4 million bill for the four-day event, paying for travel, lodging and food for the nearly 1,000 players and chaperones. It was a welcome assist for families and teams that routinely spend thousands to play in tournaments.

"The College Basketball Academy for women has been a groundbreaking event," said North Carolina coach Courtney Banghart, who is also the president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. "I believe this is the first time the NCAA has created something of this magnitude in the recruiting space for women's basketball."

Banghart was among the roughly 320 college coaches from 162 schools who were there. It was easy to pick out where the top players were competing by looking for the colorful shirts worn by the coaches courtside that included South Carolina's Dawn Staley, Louisville's Jeff Walz and Kim Mulkey of defending champion LSU.

The college coaches were evaluating some of the top young high school players in the country at the final event of the summer. It brought together the top AAU teams from around the country to play for the U.S. Open championship on 16 courts inside the Memphis Sports and Expo Center. Usually teams only play against other squads that are part of specific shoe circuits

like Nike, Under Armour and adidas. This time, they mixed it up.

"It was a new weekend, the first time it's been held and it was new to all of us. It was very different," Mulkey said. "The more you can see kids and don't have to go all over the country that's always a good thing. Anything that's created for women's basketball, we're always going to say is good, you can tweak a few things in it for the future."

Players and their chaperones were required to attend seminars on various topics that will help them during recruiting and beyond. It was players' only the first two days, then it was everyone for the final panel on Sunday that featured former Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw.

One of the teams from Pennsylvania was led by longtime Villanova head coach Harry Perretta, who retired a few years ago from the Division I ranks. Perretta loved the inaugural event.

"If I was still a college coach, I wouldn't miss this because it's a chance for me to see kids in a competitive environment and then also see individuals at the same time," he said.

OFFICIATING

The NCAA brought in 144 officials from all three divisions and nearly every conference had a representative officiating. Veterans helped evaluate and work with younger referees on communication, leadership, play calling and mechanics.

"We focused on process of getting better more than an outcome," NCAA coordinator of officials Penny Davis said. "A lot of times they go to summer training camps and their motivation is two-fold, to get hired and to learn. I opened with that I don't have games to offer or contracts, all I have is knowledge to give you. It changed their perspective that they weren't sitting next to the competition for the next five days."

USA 3x3

The NCAA also brought in a dozen players to be considered for future USA Basketball 3x3 opportunities. The three top players in the class of 2025 according to ESPN's rankings — Aaliyah Chavez, Jasmine Davidson and ZaKiyah Johnson — all competed. Coaches packed courtside to watch the group play.

"It's fun, it's different, it's fast paced," Johnson said. "It's not the normal five on five we're used to. There's no time to celebrate because there's just 12 seconds each time to score."

INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS

While there were 48 AAU teams competing, in one division, there were also hundreds of girls who individually signed up for the event. They were put on teams by commissioners that included former Division I coaches. There were nearly 100 coaches from the Division II, III, NAIA, JUCO and high school ranks leading those teams against each other.

"I feel like it's been some pretty good competition," said Crystal Hardy who is from Maryland and in the class of 2025. "It teaches you how to play with people you didn't play with before and you have to learn quickly,"

The event also drew players from Mexico, Argentina and Brazil while Canada had nearly 50 players on hand.

Player alleges racist head-shaving in 10th hazing lawsuit against Northwestern

By **CLAIRE SAVAGE**
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CHICAGO — Ramon Diaz says he was just 17 years old when Northwestern University upperclassmen shaved "Cinco de Mayo" onto the back of his head as the entire football team watched.

"The holiday itself has a significant meaning to me and my family and then the Latino community at large," Diaz told The Associated Press. "I was mocked and ridiculed."

Diaz said he was the only Latino offensive lineman on the team at a time when the athletic department's culture allowed racist and sexual abuse to thrive and caused psychological and emotional damage to athletes of color.

A lawsuit announced on Diaz' behalf Wednesday is the 10th against the prestigious private university since student journalists at The Daily Northwestern published an article on July 8 that suggested head coach Patrick Fitzgerald may have been aware of hazing, leading to his firing after 17 seasons.

Northwestern announced Tuesday that it has hired former U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch to lead an investigation into the culture of its athletic department and its anti-hazing procedures following allegations of abusive behavior and racism within the football program and other teams.

The lawsuits filed

since then allege hazing among male and a female athletes across multiple sports that included sexual abuse by teammates and racist comments by coaches to players of color. Diaz, like other former players who have come forward, also described instances of forced nudity and sexual abuse. Diaz's case dates back the furthest so far, meaning mistreatment allegations span more than 15 years, from 2005 to 2022.

Fitzgerald has maintained he had no knowledge of the hazing, and said after being fired that he was working with his agent, Bryan Harlan, and his lawyer, Dan Webb, to protect his legal rights. A statement from his lawyers called the sweeping allegations "imprecise."

"The facts and evidence will show that Coach Fitzgerald implemented and followed numerous procedures and protocols to ensure that hazing would not occur, and he repeatedly emphasized to Northwestern's student athletes that hazing was forbidden and, if anyone was aware — or was the victim — of hazing, that they should immediately report it so that he could stop it," the statement said.

But the perpetrators were not limited to student athletes; the coaching staff also made racist comments that emboldened players to target and bully athletes of color, according to Diaz, who is now a licensed clinical

therapist and is pursuing a Ph.D. in neuro-psychology.

"As a parent, as a clinician, as a former Division I athlete, I cannot imagine how the athletic department and the coaching staff did not know," Diaz said.

Diaz, who needed his football scholarship to afford college, recalled Bret Ingalls, the Wildcats' offensive line coach at the time, telling him: "I know you grew up on dirt floors, but here we try to keep things clean," and "Ramon, you can get a job easily in summer mowing the lawn or painting houses."

Things were even worse for a Black teammate and friend, he said. During a workout, another player told his friend to "do that monkey dance you do." His clothes and even his gait were ridiculed by teammates, who told him: "why are you doing that gangster walk again?" and "I know you might dress that way when you're back in the hood ... but you can't wear that stuff here."

The allegations raised by Diaz, who is being represented by Parker Stinar and Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard, aligns with that of players who graduated more recently, including former quarterback Lloyd Yates, who said the treatment was especially bad for players of color.

Civil rights attorney Ben Crump, who is representing five former Northwest-

ern athletes including Yates, said he plans on filing more than 30 lawsuits involving athletes from "a variety of athletic programs and even mascots."

Diaz said he tried to kill himself at one point because of the racism and bigotry he endured, started seeing a therapist for depression, and still needs treatment to process what happened. He said the psychological damage was significant enough to impair his functioning throughout his time at Northwestern.

"I just remember the laughter. No one stopped it. And the players felt enabled because of the atmosphere created by the coaches," he said.

Now 36 years old and a parent of three, Diaz said he "cannot imagine" what he would do if forced nudity or sexual abuse happened to one of his children, although he said he's not surprised that younger players have reported similar incidents.

"The abuse is increasing and the behaviors are becoming more more severe towards the athletes," and unless the university and the NCAA address the mechanisms enabling a damaging culture, "nothing will change," he said.

The effects endure, Diaz said: His love for football evaporated.

"I have not watched a full football game since I graduated Northwestern University," he said. "Something was taken from me."

Howell gets the chance to show why he should be starting QB

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AP Sports Writer

ASHBURN, Va. — Sam Howell wanted no part of being featured in "Quarterback," the docuseries that profiled Patrick Mahomes, Kirk Cousins and Marcus Mariota.

He didn't need the distraction clouding his focus.

Plus, the spotlight is already shining plenty bright on Howell as he tries to become the Washington Commanders starting quarterback.

Howell is getting that chance in training camp to show coach Ron Rivera and new ownership he deserves to be the guy for a franchise that has had 12 different quarterbacks throw a pass since 2018.

"It's a great opportunity for me with the position I'm in to really compete here and be the

starter," Howell said. "It's a great opportunity for me to go out there and just show what I can do."

A 2022 fifth-round pick out of North Carolina, Howell spent most of his rookie year as the third stringer before showing glimpses of what he can do in his NFL debut in Washington's regular-season finale, throwing and running for a touchdown to beat playoff-bound Dallas.

Even though the Commanders were out of contention then — eliminated after previous starter Carson Wentz threw three interceptions in a loss to Cleveland — that performance was enough to warrant Ron Rivera giving Howell the nod going into the spring. The team added journeyman Jacoby Brissett as a reliable veteran backup who could provide some training camp competi-

tion.

But there's no doubt this is Howell's job to lose. He has so far taken all the snaps with the first team, with mixed results, as he assimilates to new offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy's system.

"This is all the growth and development opportunity," Rivera said Wednesday. "This is a chance to learn the base fundamentals of our offense."

Howell has been trying to learn along the way. In his down time away from the facility, the 22-year-old has done mental walkthroughs to familiarize himself with the playbook and feels as if he has made significant progress over the past few months.

"I think at this point I have total command of the offense," Howell said. "I studied a lot this summer and (have

been) trying to get really comfortable with the system."

Top receiver Terry McLaurin acknowledged Howell has a lot on his plate to get up to speed with Bieniemy's offense after just one game of professional experience. That one game did reveal a positive trait: Howell's ability to shake off throwing an interception, which has continued in camp.

"He still wasn't afraid to push the ball down the field, and I think with this being a passing league you still got to stay aggressive," McLaurin said. "You really don't even see him get flustered even when he's had a few, maybe, rough patches during practice. He doesn't hang his head. He's not yelling, cussing — things like that. He's pretty even keel, which is really unique for a young guy like that."



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ROUNDUP

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BREWERS 6, NATIONALS 4

MILWAUKEE — Brice Turang and Joey Wiemer hit consecutive two-run singles as part of a four-run fourth inning, and Milwaukee defeated Washington to snap a four-game skid. Freddy Peralta (7-8) earned his second victory since May 21, allowing three runs in six innings and strikeout out seven. Devin Williams pitched the ninth to earn his 27th save in 29 chances.

Jake Alu, CJ Abrams and Alex Call drove in runs for the Nationals. Josiah Gray (7-9) took the loss for Washington, which had won eight of its last nine home games.

RED SOX 6, MARINERS 4

SEATTLE — Alex Verdugo hit a two-run homer, Reese McGuire added his first of the season fresh off the injured list, and Boston snapped a three-game losing streak.

Verdugo's homer in the fifth inning was his eighth of the season and gave Boston a 5-1 lead. McGuire followed an inning later with a solo shot into the right field seats.

Boston starter Brayan Bello (8-6) worked out of an early jam and managed to get through six innings. Seattle had a 1-0 lead three batters into the game after Eugenio Suarez's RBI single, but the Mariners were unable to add on despite having the bases loaded with no outs.

Seattle threatened in the eighth with runners at second and third and one out against reliever Josh Winckowski, but Mike Ford and Josh Rojas struck out to end the inning. Kenley Jansen pitched the ninth for his 24th save.

Seattle starter Bryce Miller (7-4) allowed six earned runs for the second straight start and has given up six homers over those two outings. He struck out four and suffered his first loss since June 4 against Texas.

TWINS 3, CARDINALS 2

ST. LOUIS — Donovan Solano hit a tiebreaking, two-run single in the seventh inning and Pablo Lopez tossed six effective innings as AL Central-leading Minnesota snapped a five-game skid with a win over St. Louis.

Minnesota was coming off a three-game sweep to the Kansas City Royals and having lost the last two games of a three-game set against the Seattle Mariners. The Twins hold a two-game lead in the division over Cleveland, which was no-hit in Houston on Tuesday.

Tyler O'Neill homered for St. Louis, which has lost four of its last five games and eight of 11.

Lopez (6-6) allowed one run on four hits over six innings with five strikeouts.

Miles Mikolas (6-7) gave up three runs on six hits over seven innings.

ROYALS 7, METS 6, 10 INNINGS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Josh Walker balked home the winning run in the 10th inning and Kansas City Royals rallied past New York for its season-best fourth straight victory.

Hours after the re-tooling Mets traded star pitcher Justin Verlander and two other players to cap a stunning deadline selloff, they blew a 6-4 lead provided by rookie Francisco Álvarez's two-run homer in the top of the 10th.

Bobby Witt Jr. hit an RBI double in the bottom half and MJ Melendez tied it with a run-scoring single off Brooks Raley (0-2).

Carlos Hernández (1-6) worked one inning for the win.

PIRATES 4, TIGERS 1

PITTSBURGH — Rookie Liover Pegue-ro hit a two-run home run and Johan Oviedo pitched seven strong innings to lead Pittsburgh over the slumping Detroit.

Oviedo (5-11), who allowed one run while scattering six hits, striking out five and walking two, has won back-to-back starts after losing eight consecutive decisions.

David Bednar pitched a perfect ninth inning for his 22nd save to close out the Pirates' fourth win in five games.

Matt Manning (3-3) remained winless in his last four starts. He gave up four runs and eight hits in six innings, struck out six and did not walk a batter.

PADRES 8, ROCKIES 5

DENVER — Juan Soto homered twice and drove in four runs, helping San Diego beat Colorado.

Ha-Seong Kim and Trent Grisham added RBI singles in the ninth inning. Fernando Tatis Jr. drove in a pair of runs with a double and a bases loaded forceout for San Diego.

Pedro Avila, recalled late last month for his second stint with the Padres this season, went the first four innings and allowed one run on five hits. He struck out seven and walked three. Robert Suárez (1-0) got the win with an inning of scoreless relief and Josh Hader recorded two outs and his 26th save.

Ryan McMahon had a three-run homer among his two hits, Elias Diaz had three doubles and Brendan Rodgers knocked in the Rockies' last run in the ninth inning. Jurickson Profar also had three hits.

JACKSON

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Jackson, who competed at South Granville HS in Creedmoor, North Carolina, during her senior season, headlines the Razorback incoming recruiting class for the 2023-24 season in Chris Johnson's first year as head coach of the Arkansas program.

This summer Jackson broke the national high school record in the 100m with a 10.89 victory as she raced a field of professional sprinters in Nashville, Tennessee. The previous national high school record of 10.94 was set by Briana Williams in 2019.

On the U.S. U20 all-time 100m list, Jackson's performance ranks as the No. 3 performer with the No. 4 per-

formance as she only trails a 10.75 for Sha'Carri Richardson in 2019 and a 10.84 by Tamari Davis in 2022. Jackson ranks equal No. 4 performer with the equal No. 5 performance on the world U20 all-time list.

Indoors, Jackson set national high school records in the 60m (7.16) and 300m (36.63) while equaling the record in the 55m (6.67). At 200m, Jackson set the low-altitude indoor record with a 22.91. An additional set of career bests for Jackson in the 400m included a 53.47 indoors and 52.13 outdoors.

Jackson improved her time in the 200m outdoors to 22.48 in winning the USATF U20

title in Eugene. That performance ranks equal No. 8 on the U.S. U20 all-time list, and she is equal No. 5 on the high school all-time list.

Racing in the 100m on the senior level of the USATF Championships in July, Jackson advanced to the semifinal, running a wind-aided 11.05 in the prelims and 11.18 in the semifinal.

In the North Carolina 2A State meet, Jackson won three individual titles with times of 11.33, 22.70, and 53.02. After setting the 100m national record at the Music City Track Carnival, Jackson won the Brooks PR 100m in 11.00 and the New York City Grand Prix 200m in 22.70.

LOGAN

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walked in no matter their recruiting status. I walked in and felt it.”

Logan has taken several visits and looked at various schools and options. It was the Arkansas visit that separated them from other schools.

“Really just coach T-Will (Travis Williams),” Logan said. “He really stood out. A great guy and a great coach. Everyone on the coaching staff talked about how great he is as a coach and just how much respect he has. Even the players. So coach T-Will was definitely a deciding factor between all these schools.”

Logan had 60 tackles, one pass breakup and an interception in 2022. Williams and the Razorbacks detailed to him how they plan to use him.

“They just talked to me about the same position,” Logan said. “Will backer and just staying in the box and just making plays.”



Logan has watched and liked how Arkansas uses its linebackers.

“I feel like they definitely keep their linebackers clean,” Logan said. “The d-linemen keep them clean. If the linebackers can stay clean the more plays they can make. Definitely, if they’re able to make those plays it all starts up front. Keeping them clean, scheme and everything.”

Since Sam Pitman became head coach at Arkansas the Razorbacks have recruited the state of Georgia extremely well.

“It feels good to be part of that,” Logan said. “Everybody knows the best football is played in Georgia. The fact that we can just translate that and bring it over to Arkansas everybody should be happy with the end result.”

On Tuesday, Ocean Springs (Miss.) St. Martin four-star athlete Noreel White, 6-0, 185, decommitted.

MUSSELMAN

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could be, because that’s all going to evolve and develop. Whoever we are in November, we hope that — just like in the past — we’re much different come March. That could be rotation player wise, it could be set plays... We still have a lot to try to figure out, but it’s been a really good summer as far as working. Our mile times (were) much improved off the last four years. And then it’s a similar approach and adding type stuff that we had with our last year at Nevada, I would say.”

Musselman was asked if anything has jumped out at him about this group as a whole?

“Really coachable group,” Musselman said. “I’ll give you an example. El Ellis was really quiet, was doing what he should do as an individual. I don’t know if I’ve seen a player change so quickly in his leadership, his verbal command of the floor. Been really cool to see in a

very short period of time. And then other guys. Like Jalen Graham’s practice habits are dramatically different than last year. Dramatically. He’s done an incredible job of understanding expectations and then following through on his part. So there’s been some evolving even this summer, but that’s been one thing that’s really been cool to see, is Graham’s evolution and how El has really picked up what our expectations are and how we try to conduct practice and how talking and verbalization is really important on the court for us.”

Musselman has two freshmen on the team this year. Both were five-star recruits. They are guard Layden Blocker and forward Baye Fall.

“Yup, great question,” Musselman said. “Baye got here a little bit later than some of the other guys. He’s a very, very hard worker. Spends a lot of time on his own. Surprisingly can make 3s at a much

higher clip. Gotta continue to work on hands — catching the ball in traffic is an area that we want to continue to work with him on. Because he’s a freshman, he’s going to be playing a little bit of catch-up on understanding as we add stuff. Again, he came late, so I think anybody that isn’t here when some of the foundation stuff has been put in, you’re playing catch up, and certainly he falls into that.

“Layden has a really mature approach to how he conducts. I don’t know if I’ve ever been around a player his age who comes in pre-practice and goes to the weight room and starts stretching and getting himself mentally ready to practice. So, he’s mature beyond what his age is, and he’s a good leader on the floor. He’s got point guard characteristics for sure.”

The Razorbacks are coming off a 22-14 season that saw them get to the Sweet 16.

TRADE

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• • • SELLERS Chicago White Sox (43-65, fourth place in AL Central)

Acquired: LHP Ky Bush, RHP Juan Carela, LHP Jake Eder, RHP Jordan Leasure, C Korey Lee, RHP Nick Nastrini, RHP Luis Patiño, C Edgar Quero and RF Trayce Thompson.

Traded: 3B Jake Burger, RHP Lucas Giolito, RHP Kendall Graveman, RHP Joe

Kelly, RHP Reynaldo López, RHP Lance Lynn and RHP Keynan Middleton.

Analysis: This was an impressive haul for the White Sox, considering they ended up holding onto ace Dylan Cease. Quero immediately becomes the No. 2 prospect in their system, with Eder, Nastrini and Bush slotting into their top seven.

• • • New York Mets (50-56, fourth place in NL

East)

Acquired: SS Luisangel Acuña, RHP Phil Bickford, OF Ryan Cliford, OF Drew Gilbert, C Ronald Hernandez, SS Jeremiah Jackson, RHP Justin Jarvis, LHP Adam Kolarek, SS Jeremy Rodriguez and 2B Marco Vargas.

Traded: LF Mark Canha, RHP Dominic Leone, CF Tommy Pham, RHP David Robertson, RHP Max Scherzer and RHP Justin Verlander.

Analysis: The Mets continued to throw their financial weight around, even when

selling off star players. Their willingness to cover some of Verlander and Scherzer’s huge salaries helped facilitate those deals, and New York netted a top-50 prospect in Acuña. However, Scherzer’s comments about what the New York front office told him suggest the Mets may take a more patient approach to free agency this coming offseason.

• • • St. Louis Cardinals (47-61, last place in NL Central)

Acquired: LHP John King, RHP Adam Kl-

offenstein, 2B César Prieto, RHP Sem Robberse, RHP Tekoah Roby, LHP Drew Rom, SS Thomas Saggese, RHP Zack Showalter and RHP Matt Swanson.

Traded: SS Paul DeJong, RHP Jack Flaherty, RHP Jordan Hicks, LHP Jordan Montgomery and RHP Chris Stratton.

Analysis: It’s unusual to see the Cardinals in this position. Although they couldn’t touch the very best prospects in Baltimore’s loaded system, they did acquire Prieto, who has hit .349

across Double-A and Triple-A this year.

• • • Detroit Tigers (47-60, third place in AL Central)

Acquired: 2B Hao-Yu Lee and SS Eddys Leonard.

Traded: RHP Michael Lorenzen.

Analysis: A quieter deadline than Detroit would have liked after its failed attempt to trade Rodriguez to the Dodgers. The Tigers did manage to flip Lorenzen to Philadelphia after signing him to a one-year contract before the season.